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SUBJ: HOMELAND LEADERS MOVE TOWARD BLACK SOLIDARITY AT
"UMTATA SUMMIT"

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1. SUMMARY. AT UMTATA "SUMMIT CONFERENCE" 8 NOV, LEADERS
FROM SIX OF REPUBLIC'S EIGHT HOMELANDS MET AND ISSUED SET OF
UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS WHICH MAY PAVE WAY FOR FUTURE
CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION ON KEY ISSUES OF INDIVIDUAL
HOMELAND CONSOLIDATION AND POTENTIAL FEDERATION. CONFERENCE
HELD IN ATMOSPHERE HEIGHTENED BLACK SOLIDARITY AMONG AFRICAN
ETHNIC GROUPS AND DESIRE FOR COMMON BLACK FRONT IN NEGOTIATIONS
CUM DEMANDS IN DEALING WITH SAG AND ITS SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT
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POLICY. END SUMMARY.

2. LEADERS FROM SIX OF REPUBLIC'S EIGHT HOMELANDS--REPRESENTING OVER 12 MILLION AFRICANS--HELD "SUMMIT CONFERENCE" AT UMTATA TRANSKEI 8 NOV. IN SHOW OF SOLIDARITY AND BORAD CONSENSUS, SIX ISSUED LIST OF UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS: 1) AGREEMENT ON HOMELAND FEDERATION AS "LONG TERM POLICY"; 2) INSISTENCE ON EXPEDITIOUS HOMELAND CONSOLIDATION THROUGH ELIMINATION OF "WHITE SPOTS" AND CORRIDORS; 3) AGREEMENT NOT TO "COLLABORATE" WITH SAG REMOVAL OR RELOCATION SCHEMES; 4) DEMAND TO "UNFETTERED RIGHT" TO SEEK FOREIGN AID FROM FOREIGN GOVTS. HAVING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SA, CHURCH GROUPS AND UN; 5) REPEAL OF PASS LAWS; AND 6) TRANSFER OF ALL GOVT. DEPTS. "THAT USUALLY CONSTITUTE A STATE" TO ANY HOMELAND ONCE SELF GOVERNING STATUS ACHIEVED.

3. MATANZIMA (CONFERENCE HOST) STATED "BLACK HOMELAND SUMMIT" MARKED "RENAISSANCE OF UNITED NATIONS OF BLACK SOUTH AFRICA" AND WOULD FURTHER FUTURE CONSULTATIONS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF "ONE BLACK STATE" IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. PROF. NTANSWISI (GAZANKULU) CALLED ON BLACKS TO "EMPHASIZE THOSE RHINGS WHICH UNITE US" AND STRESSED THAT SUMMIT AND FUTURE CONSULTATIONS DESIGNED TO "BUILD A SUPER-STRUCTURE WHICH WILL CREATE BLACK SOLIDARITY"; AFRICANS MUST RID THEMSELVES OF "SLAVE MENTALITY" AND DEMAND THEIR SHARE OF SA. BUTHELEZI (KWAZULU) FOLLOWED NTSANWISI WITH BLACK POWER SALUTE AND CALL FOR AFRICANS TO "REMEMBER THE RESISTANCE OF OUR PEOPLE DURING THE SO-CALLED KAFFIR WARS". BUTHELEZI SAID BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS AND SOLIDARITY REFLECTED IN MEETING CONTINUES STRUGGLE OF NOW-BANNED AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS FOR "DIGNITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS" BUT "WE ARE USING DIFFERENT METHODS". AFRICANS AS SEPARATE ETHNIC GROUPS CAN NEVER BARGAIN SUCCESSFULLY WITH WHITES: "WE CAN ONLY BRING WHITE SOUTH AFRICA TO HER KNEES IF WE FIRST ACHIEVE AND THEN USE BLACK SOLIDARITY".

4. SUMMIT HELD AT UMTATA'S PLUSH AFRICAN HOTEL. WHITE REPORTERS FROM THROUGHOUT REPUBLIC--ALTHOUGH INVITED BY MATANZIMA--REFUSED ENTRANCE TO PRE-CONFERENCE RECEPTION BY HOTEL MANAGEMENT. WHITES REFERRED TO XHOSA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (HOTEL OWNERS) AND THEN TO MIN. OF BANTU ADMIN. (M. C. BOTHA) FOR PERMIT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNDER GROUP AREAS ACT. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, MINISTER WAS "NOT AVAILABLE". HOTEL ALSO REPORTEDLY INSISTED THREE PLAINCLOTHES WHITE POLICEMEN LEAVE PREMISES. PRE AND POST-SUMMIT MEETINGS WITH PRESS CONSEQUENTLY HELD ON HOTEL STEPS.

5. COMMENT: SUMMIT RESOLUTIONS ALL PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED BY AT LEAST ONE HOMELAND LEADER INDIVIDUALLY AND AS SUCH WERE PREDICTABLE. HOWEVER, AS DRAMATIC DEMONSTRATION OF STRENGTH

AND SOLIDARITY OF PURPOSE AMONG SAG-CREATED BUT INCREASINGLY
INDEPENDENT AFRICAN SPOKESMEN UMTATA SUMMIT UNPRECEDENTED
IN HISTORY OF SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT. SAG DIVIDE AND RULE
MENTALITY AS EMBODIED IN SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT POLICY THRIVES
ON PREMISE OF CONFLICTING NON-WHITE NATIONALISMS. UMTATA
SUMMIT, HOWEVER, REFLECTS GROWING MILITANTCY AND COHESION
AMONG VARIOUS AFRICAN TRIBAL GROUPS ON ISSUE OF COMMON "BLACK
FRONT". ALTHOUGH ACCORDING TO REPORTS REPUBLICAN OFFICIALS
IN UMTATA HAD NO "OFFICIAL KNOWLEDGE" OF SUMMIT, SAG MUST BE
WATCHING DEVELOPMENTS WITH GROWING ANGUISH AND EMBARRASMENT
AS HOMELAND LEADERS SLOWLY DISMANTLE SAG HOMELAND POLICY AND
THREATEN ESTABLISH FEDERATION OF HOMELANDS.
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